

AMEENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A coupling apparatus for transmitting a rotational force from a driving shaft with an axis to a driven shaft such that the driven shaft may ~~flex~~ move freely within a predetermined deflection angle between the driving shaft and the driven shaft, said coupling apparatus comprising:

a first yoke, a second yoke, a universal joint cross, a first internal restricted swing mechanism, and a second internal restricted swing mechanism;

said first yoke and said second yoke each ~~include~~ including a first tine, a second tine, a shaft connector, an inner yoke surface, and an outer yoke surface;

said universal joint cross including four ends, said first and third ends of said universal joint cross sized and shaped to ~~such~~ oppose each other and said second and fourth ends of said universal joint cross sized and shaped to ~~such~~ oppose each other;

said first and third ends of said universal joint cross ~~are~~ being pivotally connected to said first yoke first and second tines ~~of said first yoke~~, respectively, and said second and fourth ends of said universal joint cross ~~are~~ being pivotally connected to said second yoke first and second tines ~~of said second yoke~~, respectively;

said first yoke shaft connector ~~of said first yoke~~ is being sized and shaped to connect to the driving shaft;

said second yoke shaft connector ~~of said second yoke~~ is being sized and shaped to connect to the driven shaft;

said first internal restricted swing mechanism being sized and shaped to approximate said first yoke inner yoke surface ~~of said first yoke~~, said first internal restricted swing mechanism is being positioned between said first and second tines of said first yoke and is pivotally attached to said second yoke first and second tines ~~of said second yoke~~; and

said second internal restricted swing mechanism is being sized and shaped to approximate ~~the said second yoke~~ inner yoke surface ~~of said second yoke~~, said second internal restricted swing mechanism is being positioned between said second yoke first and second tines ~~of said second yoke~~ and is pivotally attached to said first yoke first and second tines ~~of said first yoke~~.

2. (currently amended) A coupling apparatus for transmitting a rotational force from a driving shaft with an axis to a driven shaft, such that the driven shaft may ~~flex~~ move freely within a predetermined deflection angle between the driving shaft and the driven shaft, said coupling apparatus comprising:

a first yoke, a second yoke, a universal joint cross, a first internal restricted swing mechanism, a second internal restricted swing mechanism, a first fastener, and a second fastener;

said first yoke and said second yoke each include a first tine, a second tine, a shaft connector, an inner yoke surface, and an outer yoke surface;

said universal joint cross including four ends, said first and third ends of said universal joint cross sized and shaped to oppose each other and said second and fourth ends of said universal joint cross sized and shaped to oppose each other;

said first and third ends of said universal joint cross ~~of~~ being pivotally connected to said first yoke first and second tines ~~of said first yoke~~, respectively, and said second and fourth ends of said universal joint cross ~~are~~ being pivotally connected to said second yoke first and second tines ~~of said second yoke~~, respectively;

said first yoke shaft connector ~~of said first yoke~~ is being sized and shaped to connect to the driving shaft;

said second yoke shaft connector ~~of said second yoke~~ is being sized and shaped to connect to the driven shaft;

said first fastener is being positioned between said first yoke first and second tines ~~of said first yoke~~; said first fastener is ~~pivotally~~ connected to said second yoke first and second tines ~~of said second yoke~~;

said second fastener is being positioned between said second yoke first and

second tines ~~of said second yoke~~; said second fastener is ~~pivotaly~~ connected to said first yoke first and second tines ~~of said first yoke~~;

said first internal restricted swing mechanism is being sized and shaped to approximate the said first yoke inner yoke surface ~~of said first yoke~~, said first internal restricted swing mechanism is being positioned between said first yoke first and second ~~tine~~ tines ~~of said first yoke~~ and is pivotally attached about said first fastener; and

said second internal restricted swing mechanism is being sized and shaped to approximate the said second yoke inner yoke surface ~~of said second yoke~~, said second internal restricted swing mechanism is being positioned between said second yoke first and second ~~tine~~ tines ~~of said second yoke~~ and is pivotally attached about said second fastener.

3. (canceled)

4. (currently amended) The coupling apparatus of Claim 3 1 or 2 wherein said first internal restricted swing mechanism and said second internal restricted swing mechanism ~~mechanisms~~ are constructed from a force absorbing material to dampen the flexing of the driven shaft about the axis of the driving shaft.

Claims 5-15 (Withdrawn)